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SUBJECT: DPRK PROPAGANDA EFFORTS IN CAIRO

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS JULY 17, TAEWAN YU, CONSUL AT ROK CONGEN CAIRO, STATED THAT DPRK EMBASSY IN CAIRO APPEARS TO HAVE EMBARKED ON EXTENSIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN, OF WHICH JULY 10-14 VISIT OF DPRK FIRST DEPUTY PRIMIN PARK SONG-CH'OL, REPORTED REFTEL A., INTEGRAL PART. YU STATED THAT EGYPTIANS NATURALLY RELUCTANT TO TALK FREELY WITH ROK CONGEN CAIRO ON DPRK MATTERS, IN VIEW OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY DPRK DURING OCTOBER 1973 WAR, BUT ROK CONGEN HAS LEARNED THAT TALKS BETWEEN PAK AND DEPUTY PRIMIN/FONMIN FAHMY DID INCLUDE DPRK REQUEST FOR GOE TO SUPPORT CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS FROM ROK AND RECOGNITION OF DPRK REGIME AS SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IN KOREAN PENINSULA.

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2. YU BELIVED PAK VISIT DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT KIM II-SUNG

SWING THROUGH SUCH COUNTRIES AS ALGERIA AND YUGOSLAVIA IN SEARCH OF NON-ALIGNED STATUS FOR DPRK. UY MENTIONED THAT PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN BY DPRK TO GAIN RECOGNITION FROM EGYPT, CHARTER MEMBER OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, APPERS TO HAVE BEGUN WITH JUNE 24 PRESS CONFERENCE BY DPRK AMBASSADOR KIM BYONG HO, REPORTED REFTEL B, AND ROK CONGEN APPARENTLY PLEASED THAT RABID TONE OF KIM STATEMENTS CAUSED PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE DOWN PLAYED BY LOCAL PRESS, AS EGYPTIANS OFFENDED BY FINCIFUL CLAIMS IN KIM HANDOUTS.

3. DPRK APPARENTLY ATTEMPTED ANOTHER MEDIA EFFORT JULY 13, DISTRIBUTING EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN AMBASSADOR IM AND AAPSO HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO. GOAL, AGAIN, WAS TO BURNISH DPRK IMAGE AS NON-ALIGNED STALWART, BUT CAIRO DAILIES COMPLETELY IGNORED DPRK INITIATIVE AND NO WORD OF AAPSO EXCHANGE HAS APPEARED IN PRINT.
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